

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 159 – HB 153

March 18, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Revises the procedure for contested environmental case hearings. Under current law, such cases are heard before the applicable board. Under this bill, cases will be heard first by an administrative judge. Declares that any order issued by the administrative judge can be appealed to the board. Authorizes a case review when such cases have been appealed to the board, including testimony from counsel of both parties.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004539): Deletes and rewrites the bill so that the only substantive change is deletion of language authorizing an administrative judge to assess costs against non-prevailing parties.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Environment and Conservation, any increase in state expenditures resulting from this bill, as amended, is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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